Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   Claim 1 (currently amended):   A computer-implemented method for managing a
2   plurality of personal documents, comprising:

3   loading one of the plurality of personala documents into storage, said
4   loaded document having a category;

5   determining the document category;

6   receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with
7   the document category, and wherein said processing rule embodies information
8   flow knowledge between said loaded document and other of said plurality of
9   personal documents; and

10   processing the said loaded document according to the processing rule.

1   Claim 2. (original):   The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the
2   processing rule includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the
3   document.

1   Claim 3. (currently amended):   A computer system having a processor, a
2   display and memory, the memory including an operating environment, and a
3   computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for
4   performing a method of managing a plurality of personal documents, comprising:

5   computer-executable instructions for loading a one of the plurality of
6   personal documents into storage, said loaded document having a category;

7   computer-executable instructions for determining the document category;

8   computer-executable instructions for receiving at least one processing rule,

9   wherein the at least one rule is associated with the document category, and

10   wherein said processing rule embodies information flow knowledge between said

11   loaded document and other of said plurality of personal documents; and

12   computer-executable instructions for processing the said loaded document

13   according to the processing rule.

1   Claim 4. (original):   The computer system of claim 3, wherein the processing rule

2   includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.

1   Claim 5. (currently amended):   A computer program product having a computer-

2   readable medium holding computer-executable instructions for performing a

3   method for managing a plurality of personal documents, the method comprising:

4   loading a one of the plurality of personal documents into storage, said

5   loaded document having a category;

6   determining the document category;

7   receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with

8   the document category, and wherein said processing rule embodies information

9   flow knowledge between said loaded document and other of said plurality of

10   personal documents; and

11   processing the said loaded document according to the processing rule.

1   Claim 6. (original):   The computer program product of claim 5, wherein the

2   processing rule includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the

3   document.

1   Claim 7. (currently amended):   A method for transferring a computer program

2   product from one or more first computers to a second computer connected to the

3   one or more first computers through a communications medium, comprising:

4   (a)   accessing, on the one or more first computers, computer-executable

5   instructions, which when executed by a computer, perform the steps of:

6   (1)   loading a document one of a plurality of personal documents into

7   storage, said loaded document having a category;

8   (2)   determining the document category;

9   (3[2])   receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is

10   associated with the document category, and wherein said processing rule

11   embodies information flow knowledge between said loaded document and

12   other of said plurality of personal documents; and

13   (4[3])   processing the said loaded document according to the

14   processing rule; and

15   (b)   transferring the computer-executable instructions from the one or more

16   first computers to the second computer through the communications medium.

1   Claim 8. (original):   The method of claim 7, wherein the processing rule includes

2   retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.